

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A pillar-shaped honeycomb structural body having a structure in which a plurality of through holes are placed in parallel with one another in the length direction with a partition wall interposed therebetween,

wherein

lamination members are laminated in the length direction so that the through holes are superposed on one another, and

one of ends of each through hole is sealed.

2. (Original) A pillar-shaped honeycomb structural body having a structure in which a plurality of through holes are placed in parallel with one another in the length direction with a partition wall interposed therebetween,

wherein

lamination members are laminated in the length direction so that the through holes are superposed on one another, and

at least the lamination members positioned on both end faces of the honeycomb structural body are mainly made of metal.

3. (Original) The honeycomb structural body according to claim 2,

wherein

all the lamination members are mainly made of metal.

4. (Original) The honeycomb structural body according to claim 2 or 3,

wherein

each of a plurality of the through holes is sealed at one of the ends of the honeycomb structural body, and

the honeycomb structural body functions as a filter.

5. (Currently Amended) The honeycomb structural body according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 or 2,

wherein

a catalyst is supported on the lamination members.

6. (Currently Amended) The honeycomb structural body according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1 or 2,

which functions as a filter for an exhaust gas purifying device.

7. (New) A pillar-shaped honeycomb structural body having a structure in which a plurality of through holes are placed in parallel with one another in the length direction with a partition wall interposed therebetween,

wherein

lamination members having different shapes or sizes of the through holes are laminated in the length direction so that the through holes are superposed on one another and a surface of the partition wall has an irregularity, and one of ends of each through hole is sealed.

8. (New) A pillar-shaped honeycomb structural body having a structure in which a plurality of through holes are placed in parallel with one another in the length direction with a partition wall interposed therebetween,

wherein

lamination members having different shapes or sizes of the through holes are laminated in the length direction so that the through holes are superposed on one another and a surface of the partition wall has an irregularity, and

at least the lamination members positioned on both end faces of the honeycomb structural body are mainly made of metal.